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# ALUMNI LAUNCH DRIVE FOR FIELD HOUSE FUND

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## They Start Ball Rollin' For Jubilee Celebration



**BIG GUNS** of the Alumni Association met on the campus, April 6 and 7, and decided that the Alumni would do their part in the Golden Jubilee celebration by building a field house at St. Joe. Seated, left to right, are E. H. Ernst, Fort Wayne; the Revs. Theodore Fettig, Monroeville; J. P. Bruin, Payne, and Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president of the college. Middle row, left to right, are Richard Mueller, Delphos; E. W. Hoelker, Cincinnati; C. W. Biltz, Lafayette; A. L. Hemmert, Celina; J. S. Haugh, Delphi; Lou Nagelsen, Fort Wayne; Otto J. Birkmeier, Delphos; E. J. Hoyng, Coldwater. Top row, left to right, N. M. Schuck, Ludlow, Ky.; Con Fecher, Dayton; B. B. Lear, Chicago; W. J. Wiegand, Toledo; Henry Contant, Fort Wayne; J. H. Hipskind, Fort Wayne; O. W. Sieben, Chicago; R. H. Stallkamp, Delphos; J. F. Jones, Gary.

## Homecoming Date Still Hangs Fire

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## IT'S COLOSSAL!

It's stupendous, it's gigantic, it's colossal! Every adjective used in a movie build-up might be applied in describing the wonderful response made by the Alumni when asked to fill registration blanks for the directory.

Brother Cletus, who is counting noses in the Alumni census, has found himself buried in mail twice daily.

A majority of the returning envelopes bear subscriptions to CONTACT. Many are new subscribers; however, most of them are from old subscribers who want to make certain that their subscription for 1940-'41 is taken care of.

If returns continue to pour in, Brother Cletus promises to have a copy of the Alumni Register in the mail boxes of old and new subscribers in the latter part of June.

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## ALUMNUS TOPS IN DRAMA

St. John's CYO chapter, of Whiting, won the Fort Wayne diocesan one-act play contest. Paul Monastyrski, '34-'36, carried one of the leading roles in "Chiara," an incident from the life of St. Thomas Aquinas. The parish is in charge of three Society of the Precious Blood priests, the Revs. John Kostik, '09-'15; Stephen Tatar, '26-'31, and John Lefko, '27-'32.

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DEATH claimed Theodore Lochtefeld, '04-'05, several years ago, according to Charles Lochtefeld, '18-'20, an attorney who is assistant branch manager of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Charleston, West Virginia.

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A POULTRY FARM AND HATCHERY in Medford, Wisconsin, is being operated by Sylvester Hiss, '06-'10, according to information received by Aloysius Hiss, '08-'09, who is working on Union Pacific streamliners between Ogden, Utah, and Green River, Wyoming.

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PROFESSOR of English at St. Charles Borromeo College-Seminary, Columbus, O., and chaplain of St. Theresa Shrine and house of laymen's retreats are appointments held by the Rev. Harry S. Connelly, M. A., '30-'32.

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IF YOU GET A TICKET from an Ohio State Highway Patrolman, ask him his name. It might be Tom McCrate, '32-'34, who is assigned to the Portsmouth sub-station.

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THE POSITION OF CASHIER in the Citizens State Bank, Seneca, Kansas, is held by Dan J. Dreiling, '25-'26.

## THE MARCH IS ON

Whatever the Alumni do in connection with the Golden Jubilee celebration, the Society of the Precious Blood is prepared to match and perhaps even double.



Fr. Dirksen

I spoke those words to chapter presidents and national officers this past weekend. I repeat them here for all St. Joseph's loyal sons. What the Society has done for St. Joseph's these past several years amply confirms these words.

Even a casual observer can see that the college is on the march and its progress thus far has been amazing. The Alumni, it is gratifying to note, are more than willing to keep pace and lend impetus to the forward march.

The college must continue to go forward. It dare not stand still for to stand still means soon to retrograde.

It is the pride of the Alumni to make sure that the college continues its advance. The success of St. Joseph's will be reflected in the life of each Alumnus. Everyone thrills in a victory march. Everyone likes to back a winner.

For the first time in the fifty-year history of St. Joseph's, the college is asking its former students to raise a substantial fund. I feel certain that they will respond to a man.

The field house, that the Alumni have chosen to build, will long stand as a monument to their loyalty.

ALOYS DIRKSEN, C.P.P.S.,  
President of St. Joseph's College.

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A CHRISTMAS CARD from Germany in 1932 seems to be the last word any alumnus has had from Herbert Schaefer, '25-'26. The card was received by Edward Burns, '24-'27, bookkeeper for Jones and Manley, distributors of DeSoto and Plymouth, Indianapolis. Alumnus Burns said that Schaefer returned to Germany to make his home shortly after leaving St. Joe.

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ONE OF PROF. TONNER'S PROTEGES, Michael Kunkel, '15-'19, has a music studio and is an organist in Mishawaka, Ind., according to a letter sent by Carl Boehnlein, '25-'27, a leather shoe maker at Ball Band Plant, Mishawaka.

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STORE DESIGNING for the Grand Rapids Store Equipment Company means bread and butter for Norman Liebert, '21-'25, of Chicago.

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A BIG TITLE is hooked-on behind the name of Carl Beckert, M. Sc., '13-'16, Chicago. He is Consulting and Manufacturing Chemist for Lembeck Laboratories.

## TURN BACK THE CLOCK

LIKE SULPHUR AND MOLASSES, the Alumni Essay Contest comes every spring. Cash awards of \$25 and \$10 are given to the writers of the best student essays. Among winners during the past decade who show promise in the writing game is the Rev. Charles Robbins, '29-'33, whose essay, "Newman's Defeat," was judged best in 1933. The assistant at St. Anthony's Church, Park Falls, Wisconsin, has been writing magazine articles since he left St. Joe.



Fr. Robbins

REMINISCENCES filled the letter written by John A. Koenig, '98-'04, an employee of the Cleveland Railway Company. We quote:

"Looking back over the forty years since I entered St. Joseph's vast progress has been made. The old kerosene lamps are no longer used in the study halls. The old carpenter shop which I had charge of with the late Rev. Theodore Saurer has been replaced by a very modern one. The grotto has been enlarged. A new power plant has been built. A new gymnasium has been erected. An artistic gate of natural stone greets the eye of a visitor. That gate, by the way, is exactly one mile from the iron bridge over the river in Rensselaer. I have not been to St. Joseph's since 1933. No doubt changes have been made since that time."

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FRESHMEN are surprised to hear that young Alumni, not past their 25th milestone, can recall when there was a rule against smoking cigarettes; when there was no stone main entrance at the highway, and when students had to sign-up for showers. An Alumnus doesn't have to be very old to remember the days when there were St. Pat parades; when town afternoons came once a month, and when the grades were posted publicly. Less than a decade has passed since the new grotto was built; since Science Hall was erected and since the Indian School was renovated. Yes, those young fellows could talk far into the night about the days when everyone slept in dorms; when the mail was opened by the prefect, and when Greek was one of the main subjects.

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FIRST OFF CAMPUS coach at St. Joe, according to old records, was Floyd Meyers, of Rensselaer. Mr. Meyers came to St. Joe to coach basketball in 1911.



## LEADERS O. K. HOMECOMING DATE CHANGE

### LARGE STUDENT BODY MAY FORCE COLLEGE TO SHIFT ALUMNI DAY

If college authorities decide that Homecoming Day should be held after graduation, it will meet with the approval of the Alumni Association the general assembly of chapter presidents and national officers decided.

The student body has grown to such an extent, the president of St. Joseph's explained, that it is becoming more and more difficult to accommodate the Alumni during the school year.

However, this year Alumni Day may still be held in the traditional month of May.

Commencement Day is scheduled for June 10. If Homecoming should be slated for June, it will probably be held shortly after that date.

Full details, however, will be announced in the next issue of CONTACT.

## OHIO ALUMNUS WORKS ON BOOK

TOLEDO, O.—Joseph Sanislo, '26-'31, is with the Federal Writers Project doing research work for a book about the Toledo Zoo which is to be published this month by F. B. Wade & Sons, Toledo.

As an English major, Mr. Sanislo was graduated from DeSales College in '37, having completed his thesis on "Analogy in Francis Thompson's 'Hound of Heaven.'"

He had verse published in *The American States Anthology*, Galeon Press, New York, 1934. Again in 1939 he had verse published in *Poems Editors Buy*, Star-News Publishing Company, Pasadena, California. Mr. Sanislo is a member of the Scriveners Guild and of the Catholic Poetry Society of America.

### Head Of Chicago Firm

Edwin R. Wolf, '11-'12, is president of Crystol Fixture Company, manufacturers of display equipment, Chicago.

## PUMP-PRIMER



OTTO J. BIRKMEIER

The thousand dollar donation of Otto J. Birkmeier, '06-'09, president of the Delphos Chapter, primed the pump from which will gush the Alumni's Field House Fund. An equal donation was made by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., bishop of Fort Wayne, who opened the drive.

### Bishop's Letter Applauds Drive

The Alumni's jubilee drive for funds was applauded by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., bishop of the Fort Wayne diocese, in a letter addressed to the president of St. Joseph's College. Bishop Noll opened the drive with a \$1,000 donation. The letter follows:

Dear Father:

Having learned that St. Joseph's College will celebrate its Golden Jubilee and that your Community contemplates the gathering of a Jubilee Fund from the Alumni with which to assist your expansion program, I, as Ordinary of the diocese in which the college is located, being mindful of the benefits which come to this diocese from St. Joseph's, take pleasure in sending you the enclosed check.

If I am not an alumnus it is because I left home to prepare for the holy priesthood three years before St. Joseph College was opened.

Since your enrollment of freshmen college students more than taxed the capacity of the new hall just completed last autumn, you are practically forced to provide for three more fairly large

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## Otto Birkmeier And Bishop Give \$1,000 Nest Eggs

A field house will stand as a tribute to St. Joe Alumni when the Golden Jubilee celebration gets under way, it was decided at a meeting of national officers and chapter presidents.

### Census Shows Variety Of Work Done By Alumni

A stack of Alumni registration cards selected at random show what a variety of occupations old-timers are pursuing. Shuffle through a pack of them and you'll find they read something like this:

Frank (Chuck) Quirk, '21-'23, is head man of the Quirk Decorating Service, Chicago. Painting and decorating in Chicago and suburbs are being done by his staff of 15 men.

Armand Schellinger, '12-'15, is an attorney in South Bend.

Lloyd J. Curby, '09-'13, Whitman, Mass., is supervisor and manager of a chain of shoe and department stores.

Dr. Frank J. Theobald, '97-'02, has an established medical practice in Gary.

Alfred H. Gruber, '24-'25, is a sound technician for R-K-O Theaters, New York City.

Chick's Shop, "The Biggest Little Shop in Indiana for Men," is owned by Harry (Chick) Holland, '26-'27, in Crawfordsville, Indiana. The shop measures five feet two inches wide and twenty-eight feet long.

John Gabel, '11-'14, is a buyer for Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett wholesale hardware company, Chicago.

Frederick Sommerhoff, '18-'22, is a salesman for the Schroeder Paint and Glass Company, Detroit.

Clarence Kussmaul, '09-'11, is a cashier in the controllers office in Hammond's city hall.

Alvin F. Hegman, '18-'21, is a cost accountant in charge of cost estimating and factory overhead at the Gummed Products Company, manufacturers of paper and cloth sealing tape, processed paper for label printing, veneer, and stay tape, Troy, Ohio.

George W. Bermes, '36-'37, is

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Donations of \$1,000 each were made to the fund by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Ft. Wayne, and Otto J. Birkmeier, '06-'09, president of the Delphos Chapter, it was announced at the meeting which was held April 6 and 7, on the campus.



Bishop Noll

Two committees, one of priests and one of laymen, are to be appointed by the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., college president, it was decided at the meeting. Members of the committees will convene on the campus to chart the campaign for funds. The committee of priests will contact clergymen, and the committee of laymen will contact lay alumni during the drive.

Committeemen will be named in the very near future. Field house plans are already being studied. Pressure is being brought to bear on every front. Alumni leaders want the quota filled and the field house dedicated by fall.

A banquet opened the two-day program Saturday night. At that time Oscar Sieben, '21-'25, national president, delivered the keynote address. The Rev. Ildephonse Rapp, C.P.P.S., '93-'00, outlined the history of St. Joseph's. The Rev. Dr. Henry Lucks, C.P.P.S., '15-'21, dean of studies, spoke of the college's academic growth. Coach Joe Dienhart explained the aims of St. Joe's athletic program. Edward Fischer, '28-'34, made a report on the college's ten publications. Father Dirksen outlined the college's needs. J. Gordon Hagstrom, '19-'24, president of the Cook County Chapter, presented material showing what success alumni of colleges throughout the country have had in drives for funds.

An informal meeting was held

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## THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

LOUISVILLE ALUMNI may be disappointed to hear that the game between St. Joe and U. of L. baseball teams on the latter's home diamond has been canceled by request of University of Louisville athletic department authorities. Conflicting schedule dates makes it practically impossible for the teams to meet this season. However, we hope to start baseball relations with the Kentuckians next spring.

ADD THIS DATE to the baseball schedule which appeared in CONTACT last month: Illinois Wesleyan University, April 12, at Bloomington, Ill.

THE HIGH SCHOOL basketball team dropped out in the second round of the National Catholic High School Tournament, in Chicago, by losing to Cretin, of St. Paul, Minn., after having defeated St. Joseph Prep., of Bardstown, Ky.

THE PUMAS WON their baseball opener by defeating Wabash College 11-4. Joe Leugers, son of Herman H. Leugers, '08-'11, pitched the full nine innings.

TRACK AND TENNIS TEAMS are entered in the following meets: St. Joe's trackmen will take part in the Little State Meet, May 25, in Muncie. The tennis team will play Earlham, May 4, at Earlham. The Puma courtmen will also play in the Big State and Little State Tournament, May 23-25, at Purdue.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Rev. Gilbert Wirtz, '26-'32, athletic director of C. C., of Fort Wayne, National Catholic Basketball Champions for the second consecutive year.

### As Winchell Would Say— Alumnus Heir-Conditioned BULLETIN

SOUTH BEND, IND.—A boy, Richard James, who weighs in at six pounds, two ounces, was born, April 6, to Ray and Wilma Weixler. Alumnus Weixler haunted the St. Joe campus from '28-'30.

## Gary Alumnus Directs Play

GARY, IND.—The Rev. Lawrence T. Grothouse, who won the Conroy Oratory Medal in '31, is director of the recently organized St. Mark's Dramatic Club. The group will present its first play, "The Left Overs," April 21, in St. Mark's auditorium. Publicity for the organization is being handled by Genevieve Szymanski, daughter of Edward Szymanski, '07-'11, civil engineer.

## BISHOP NOLL APPLAUDS WORK OF ST. JOE ALUMNI

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classes and, therefore, you need the cooperation of your Alumni. A large student enrollment necessitates not only suitable study and sleeping quarters, but a field house for indoor recreation, all of which, I am sure, is now much in your minds.

My hope and my prayer are that the Lord, Whose interests you are promoting, will generously provide.

Wishing you, the President, the Faculty, the entire student body and the Alumni, generous heavenly blessings during the Jubilee year, I am,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

JOHN FRANCIS NOLL,

Bishop of Fort Wayne.

## CENSUS FINDS ALUMNI IN VARIOUS FIELDS

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private secretary at the Herman-Nelson Corporation, Chicago.

Charles E. Flahie, '25-'26, is an electrical engineer at the Toledo Edison Company, Toledo.

Vincent L. Kreinbrink, '26-'32, is an insurance agent for the Farm Bureau Insurance Services, Columbus, Ohio.

Ray Ziegman, '16-'18, is superintendent and secretary of the Quality Castings Company, Orrville, Ohio.

Leo J. Wildenhaus, '09-'10, is cashier at the Fort Jennings State Bank, Fort Jennings, Ohio.

James Bruskotter, '32-'35, is a clerk and stenographer in the purchasing department of the Ohio Oil Company, Findlay, Ohio.

Robert O'Hara, '38-'40, is bookkeeper for the Miami County Highway Department, Peru, Ind.

The Rev. Frank C. Brown, C. S. C., is an instructor at Notre Dame.

## Ft. Wayne Grads On Broadcast

FORT WAYNE, IND.—The Rev. Leonard Cross, '27-'31, and Jim Studer, '24-'25, are on the air twice weekly as judges for a spelling contest sponsored by the Morris Plan Bank, for which organization Alumnus Studer is office manager and public relations director.

He recently wrote to the Rev. John Baechele, C.P.P.S., '25-'30, for prints of old class pictures. After Father Baechele had fulfilled the request, Mr. Studer wrote: "The pictures you sent me have been a source of much pleasure to me and to the other Fort Wayne boys who were at St. Joe then and since. They have stirred up many memories and considerable interest in the school—and I hope to be one of a good-sized group which is planning a visit soon."

## ALUMNI LAUNCH DRIVE FOR FIELD HOUSE FUND

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in the faculty recreation room after the banquet. Reports were given by the following alumni leaders: J. W. Wiegand, '12-'15, Toledo; the Rev. John P. Bruin, '12-'17, Payne, O.; J. Henry Hipskind, '05-'11, Fort Wayne; Otto J. Birkmeier, '06-'09, Delphos, O.; Raymond Stallkamp, '06-'08, Delphos; Richard Mueller, '29-'31, Delphos; Jack Jones, '00-'03, Gary; Albin Hemmert, '12-'13, Celina, O.; Norbert Schuck, '18-'22, Ludlow, Ky.; Edmund Hoelker, '17-'18, Cincinnati; the Rev. Theodore Fettig, '09-'16, Monroeville, Ind.; Jerre Haugh, '17-'18, Lafayette; Dr. Con Fecher, '11-'14, Dayton; B. B. Lear, '13-'19, Chicago; Ernest Hoyng, '19-'23, Coldwater, O.; Lou Nagelsen, '03-'09, Fort Wayne; Henry Contant, '10-'13, Fort Wayne.

Further details were ironed-out Sunday morning. A talk by the Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Marling, C.P.P.S., '18-'23, provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, brought the meeting to a close.

## Louisville Alumnus Heads Insurance Branch

Paul V. Hayden, '37-'38, is superintendent of the Louisville branch of the National Life and Accident Insurance Company.

## HERE and THERE

THREE LOST SHEEP were returned to the fold by Otto H. Stallkamp, '07-'09, assistant cashier at People's Bank, Delphos, O. Alumnus Stallkamp, who has been working in the same bank since the day it opened, November 18, 1911, writes that Rudolph Maag, '19-'21, is a cashier of Ottoville Bank, Ottoville, O.; Harold Miehl, '15-'16, is farming in Fort Jennings, O., and Louis Reif, '07-'10, is an accountant in Chicago.

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TOP-NOTCH MISSIONARIES are being trained in the C.P.P.S. Mission School on Lewis Mountain, Charlottesville, Va. The Society of the Precious Blood bought a Colonial mansion, in September, 1938, and turned it into a school for its missionaries.



The mansion Fr. Laudick overlooks the picturesque campus of the University of Virginia and is situated near Monticello, the historic home of Thomas Jefferson. Among young priests studying in the C.P.P.S. "mountain home" is the Rev. Frank Laudick, '25-'27, former assistant at Holy Family, Tulsa, Okla.

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NEW HEADQUARTERS for Greven Advertising Services are located in the Lau Building, Fort Wayne, according to an announcement sent out by the head man, Martin Greven, '30-'31.

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UNDER DOCTOR'S CARE since last December is the report Hal Judy, '32-'35, gave about himself in a recent letter. If any of his former classmates wish to write, his address is 915 West Wilson Street, Chicago.

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THERE AIN'T NO FLIES ON Francis Harrington, '35-'37. He is General Manager for McCullough & Beiter, Petroleum jobbers, Carroll, Iowa.

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PRESIDENT of the Streine Tool and Manufacturing Company is the title held by Frank Dine, '05-'06, New Bremen, O.